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(c) The modalities and other conditions for mobilisation of funds through bonds are being simultaneously worked out.

Inland Waterways system in the country

1083. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing inland waterways system operational in country;
- (b) the length of each of the waterways system;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce inland waterways transportations on new routes also; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There are three National waterways namely: -

- (1) The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 Km)
- (2) The river Brahmaputra stretch from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 Km)
- (3) The West Coast Canal from Kollam to Kottapuram along with Champakara Canal and Udyogamandal Canal (205 Km)

In addition following waterways in the coastal states of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra and West Bengal are also operational:-

- (1) West Coast Canal (non-declared portion) in Kerala (291 Km)
- (2) Kakinada & Eluru canals in A.P (189 Km)
- (3) Mandovi, Zuari rivers and Camberjua Canal in Goa (93 Km)
- (4) Mumbai waterways (151 Km)
- (5) Sunderbans waterways in W.B (191 Km)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Techno-economic feasibility studies have been conducted on remaining 7 waterways viz. (1) The Sunderbans, (2) The Godavari, (3) The Krishna, (4) The Mahanadi, (5) The Narmada, (6) The Mandovi, Zuari rivers and Cumberjua Canal in Goa and (7) The Tapi identified by the National Transport Policy Committee for development; and on some other waterways namely

Sunderban waterways, Barak river, DVC canal, Kakinada-Mercaun mi canal integrated with Godavari and Krishna rivers, East Coast canal integrated with Brahmani river and extension of National Waterway No-3. These waterways have been found to be viable for Inland water transport. However, their declaration as National Waterways and development thereof would depend on availability of resources.

News-item "Kandla Scam: CBI caught on wrong foot yet again"

1084. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Kandla Scam: CBI caught on wrong foot yet again", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 3rd January, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The matter is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Implementation of Integrated Programme for Street Children (IPSC) in Andhra Pradesh

1085. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are implementing the Integrated Programme for Street Children (IPSC) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof with destitute children covered, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have assessed the success of IPSC in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) District-wise coverage of Street Children each year under the above scheme is as under: